

dry milk, and 0.2% (v/v) TWEEN-20). The filters were then changed to fresh blocking solution (20 ml) containing the primary antibody and incubated for 40 minutes on a rocking platform. The filters were rinsed briefly with washing solution (500 mM NaCl, 35 mM Tris pH7.4, 0.1% SDS, 1% NP40, and 0.5% deoxycholic acid) to remove any milk, and then fresh wash solution was added and incubated for two 20 minute intervals on an orbiting shaker. The filters were rinsed briefly with 10 to 20 mls of secondary antibody solution (500 mM NaCl, 5 mM Tris pH 7.4, 10% (v/v) Nonfat dry milk, 0.2% (v/v) TWEEN-20, and 1% NP-40) and then incubated with fresh secondary antibody solution containing a 1:2000 dilution of HRP conjugated goat anti-mouse for 20 minutes on a rocking platform. The filters were then washed as described above, incubated in ECL reagent (Amersham Corp., Arlington Heights, IL) for 1 minute and then exposed to ECL HYPERFILM (Amersham).

A copy of the above paragraphs annotated to show the changes made by this amendment is attached as Exhibit B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel, without prejudice, Claims 9-17.~~

Please amend Claim 27 as follows:

~~1a~~ 27. An isolated antigen binding protein comprising:

- 1) a variable light region CDR1 comprising an amino acid sequence corresponding to amino acid residues 26-36 of SEQ ID NO:8,
- 2) a variable light region CDR2 comprising an amino acid sequence corresponding to amino acid residues 52-58 of SEQ ID NO:8,

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